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SUBJECT: SRI LANKA HOPING FOR "POSITIVE RESPONSE" ON PSI
DEMARCHE

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Classified By: AMB JEFFREY J. LUNSTEAD. REASON: 1.4 (B,D).

¶1. (C) The Ambassador presented reftel demarche to Foreign Minister Mangala Samaraweera on April 4 and raised it in a subsequent meeting with Foreign Secretary H.M.G.S. Palihakkara one day later. Palihakkara indicated that his Government was interested and said he hoped to have "a positive response" soon. On April 10 Sumedha Ekanayake, Assistant Director for UN and Multilateral Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, gave poloff a similar message.

¶2. (C) Ambassador raised the demarche again with the Foreign Secretary on April 20 and May 4. On both occasions Palihakkara reiterated his government's likely support for PSI but was unable to provide definitive confirmation. "I'm working on it," he told the Ambassador in the May 4 meeting.
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